

# *The Luther Memorial News - March 2018*

A community committed to making Christ's disciples, dedicated to worship,  
study and prayer while serving all in need.

*We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.*

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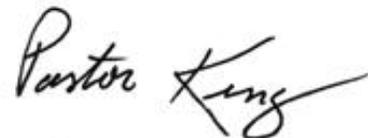
## ***From Our Pastor...***

During March we will be in the heart of the Lenten season. Many people associate Lent with fasting. They abstain from sex, chocolate, or pizza. In our hyper-connected world, as an update on the age-old discipline, maybe they fast from social media, email, and texting. There is certainly value in abstaining from such things in order to focus our thoughts on the meaning of Christ's passion. But let me suggest an alternative: fast from indifference.

One of the joys of being your pastor is seeing how many members of the congregation consistently show up to do whatever needs to be done. Some tasks are very visible and we would quickly notice if they did not get done; others just make our common work more effective and enjoyable. Whether the task is big or small, what unifies these servants is a desire to make a difference, to put their energy into something beyond themselves. Beyond our congregational life, our members invest themselves in tutoring, caring for refugees, staffing the food pantry, writing letters of advocacy, mentoring, helping folks do their taxes—and the list goes on and on.

The spiritual plague of our contentious times is the attitude that “if it does not touch me, I don't need to care.” Indifference to the common good hurts us all. So I invite you to find one thing which excites you this Lent, one place where your gifts might be needed or useful— and resolve to make a difference.

One final thing: I want to offer a special thank you to those who have volunteered in our church office during the period when we are without an office manager. Without their faithful efforts we literally could not continue to create the weekly bulletin, this newsletter, and the other communications which support our common ministry. The need was expressed and we quickly had the help we needed

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor King". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# 2018 Ecumenical Lenten Suppers and Services

## Based on Matthew 25

**Supper: 5:30 – 6:15pm      Worship: 6:15 – 7:00pm**

During Lent we will share a meal and worship with other congregations.

**March 7 –**                    “Those Without Resources”  
Speaker: Pam Phillips, Minister, Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
Host Church – Blacksburg United Methodist Church  
111 Church St SE, Blacksburg, Va

**March 14 –**                “Those Who are Sick”  
Speaker: Jennifer Fletcher, Associate Pastor, Blacksburg United Methodist  
Host Church – New Life Christian Fellowship  
130 Jackson St, NW, Blacksburg, Va

**March 21 -**                “Those Who are in Prison”  
Speaker: Catherine Taylor, Pastor, Blacksburg Presbyterian Church  
Host Church - Unitarian Universalist Congregation,  
1303 Gladewood Dr., Blacksburg, Va

### MEETINGS THIS MONTH :

**Dialog on Race**, Issue Group meeting March 8, 4:30-6:00 pm. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Evangelism/Communication** Committee will meet March 7 at 9:30am in the Parish Life Center

**Social Ministry** Committee will meet March 18 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall

**Congregational Council Meeting** will be held on March 18 at 7:00pm in the Parish Life Center

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### Holy Week

**Maundy Thursday:** Service at noon in the Chapel,

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Danny Knott
Jim Westwood
Marcia Barrow
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Evening service 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

**Good Friday:** Service at noon in the Chapel, Evening service 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

**Ecumenical Easter Vigil:** The Vigil concludes the Triduum which begins on Maundy Thursday. The Vigil embraces the great stories on which the resurrection is the fulfillment. Our appreciation for this sacred experience can build on the unity of liturgy and the diversity of ways we share the Vigil. The Vigil will take place at Christ Episcopal Church at 8 pm.

**Flowers for Easter Sunday.** Flowers for Easter Sunday (April 1) will come from a special source--YOU. You are encouraged to bring in whatever is growing in your yard and Rebekah Paulson has agreed to arrange them to decorate our altar for Easter. More details will be appearing in the Sunday bulletins as we approach Easter.

### **Easter Breakfast--Come to Eat, Come to Help**

We will be serving Easter breakfast from 8:45 - 9:45 am. Kathy Valencic is coordinating this effort. She needs help with set up and cooking; including a couple people to make gluten free dishes. Those folks will need to arrive around 7:30. We will also need help with clean up after the 10:00 service. We hope all our members and visitors can join us for this fellowship event. If you can help Kathy, please contact her at [polarbear.kv12@gmail.com](mailto:polarbear.kv12@gmail.com).

### **Lunch on Easter - the WELL**

Students are invited to join other students following worship on Easter Sunday, April 1. Luther's Luscious Lunch (L-cubed) will begin around 11:30 a.m. in the Campus Center. We will enjoy fellowship with you and you should be able to move on to other commitments by 12:15 p.m. or so.

### **NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR LUTHER'S LUNCH AT 12:05PM.**

We need your help with our Friday lunch program. We began to offer lunches to community members on Friday January 5th. We provide a hot meal and conversation for anyone in need and would like to encourage congregation members to join as well. We are asking for at least one volunteer each Friday. The volunteer will be the food prep person who can either heat up soup provided by the congregation or provide soup or a casserole. We are asking that you provide a dessert (either store bought or homemade). We will have an experienced set up person to help you. We are asking volunteers to be at the campus center at 11:30am for a noon lunch and you should be done no later than 1:30pm. Friday Lunch has gone to using an electronic signup sheet instead of a paper one. The link for sign up is: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4da8a828a3fa7-luthers>

If you prefer, I can sign you up by a phone call to 540 818-1438. If you have any questions, please feel to contact me by phone or email at [teresa.cassell@comcast.net](mailto:teresa.cassell@comcast.net).

In peace, Teresa Cassell

### **International Women's Day, March 8**

Women have the greatest potential to bring about lasting change in their communities. Yet around the world they are not afforded equal access to education due to social and political structures.

Join the ELCA this International Women's Day, March 8, as we boldly invest in the education of women and the future of communities around the world through the ELCA's International Women Leaders initiative. **Because of a generous commitment from a fellow supporter of the International Women**

**Leaders initiative, gifts will be matched up to \$100,000!** Pray for an awakening to the power and capacity our sisters have in transforming the world. Invest directly in the education of women at [ELCA.org/](http://ELCA.org/) search: Supporting International Women Leaders.

### Discussion Session for Parents of Children

Dear Parents of Young & Elementary-Age Children at LMLC,  
 You are invited to share your thoughts on Christian Formation, i.e., Sunday School—past, present, and future. A meeting will be held on March 19 at 5:30pm at the church. A survey link will be provided via email at a later date for those families interested in sharing but cannot attend. All responses will be shared with the Christian Education Committee. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you!  
 Carla Liversedge

## MARCH CALENDAR

Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thu Mar 1	Fri 2	Sat 3
<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Christian Formation</li> <li>10am Worship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Parents' Morning</li> <li>6:30pm AA Meetings-</li> <li>7pm Wilderness Rd Ct</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30pm NRV Parenting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30am Men's Bible St</li> <li>9am Parents Morning</li> <li>10:30am Get Moving E</li> <li>7pm Choir Practice</li> </ul>			
<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Christian Formation</li> <li>10am Worship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Parents' Morning</li> <li>6:30pm AA Meetings-</li> <li>7pm Wilderness Rd Ct</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30pm NRV Parenting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30am Men's Bible St</li> <li>9am Parents Morning</li> <li>10:30am Get Moving E</li> <li>7pm Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Thur. Morning F</li> <li>4:30pm Dialogue on R</li> <li>6:30pm AA Mtg.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:05pm Luther's Lusc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:30am Sanctuary R</li> </ul>
<b>Daylight Saving Time begins</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Christian Formation</li> <li>10am Worship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Parents' Morning</li> <li>6:30pm AA Meetings-</li> <li>7pm Wilderness Rd Ct</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Newcomers Meeting</li> <li>5:30pm NRV Parenting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30am Men's Bible St</li> <li>9am Parents Morning</li> <li>10:30am Get Moving E</li> <li>7pm Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Thur. Morning F</li> <li>1:30pm FCA</li> <li>6:30pm AA Mtg.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:05pm Luther's Lusc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:30am Sanctuary R</li> </ul>
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<b>Sunday of the Passion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Christian Formation</li> <li>10am Worship</li> </ul>	<b>Monday in Holy Week</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Parents' Morning</li> <li>6:30pm AA Meetings-</li> <li>7pm Wilderness Rd Ct</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30pm NRV Parenting</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30am Men's Bible St</li> <li>9am Parents Morning</li> <li>10:30am Get Moving E</li> <li>2 more</li> </ul>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Thur. Morning F</li> <li>12pm Noon Service</li> <li>6:30pm AA Mtg.</li> <li>7pm Evening Service</li> </ul>	<b>Good Friday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12pm Noon service</li> <li>12:05pm Luther's Lusc</li> <li>7pm Evening Service</li> </ul>	<b>Resurrection of Our Lord</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:30am Sanctuary R</li> <li>7pm Ecumenical Vigil</li> </ul>





3-11	Chris Skogen
3-12	Stephen Everett Karl Pedersen Terry Strock
3-13	Erin Pettersen
3-14	Lois Voss
3-15	Jay Crone
3-16	David Grant
3-20	Brent Roeder
3-22	Joe Straub
3-25	Mike Neeble
3-28	Charles Harris Brad Grems

## **CHANGE FOR CHANGE IN MARCH 2018 Refugee Resettlement and the Blacksburg Refugee Partnership (BRP)**



The Blacksburg Refugee Partnership came together in July 2016 when it had its first public meeting at the Blacksburg Library. The Partnership is made up of over 20 faith based and community organizations. Many individuals are also members. The original mission was to welcome refugees fleeing the Syrian Civil War.

The mission has expanded to welcome refugees from any country. The Partnership works with Commonwealth Catholic Charities in Roanoke since the BRP cannot receive refugees on its own. The CCC has the State Department contract to accept refugees. CCC has former refugees on staff in addition to social workers. CCC is very appreciative of the work that the BRP has provided toward the support of our first Syrian family. At this writing, the BRP is helping multiple refugee families.

Luther Memorial was the first church to pledge funds to the BRP. We far exceeded our goal of \$1200. LMLC has also contributed furniture, and food gift cards. Some members have racked up many miles helping to transport persons to jobs, medical appointments, and school. Transportation and funds are ongoing needs. **The BRP will be the recipient for the March Change for Change collection.**

For more information:

www.Blacksburgrefugeepartnership.org or contact Wava Vigen [wavaburg@gmail.com](mailto:wavaburg@gmail.com)

**STEWARDSHIP NUGGETT FOR MARCH 2018**

Giving is not a matter of can and can't, but will or won't.

*Author: Unknown*

**Service Participants for March 2018**

	<b>March 4</b>	<b>March 11</b>	<b>March 18</b>	<b>March 25</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Teresa Cassell	Betty Segar	John Hess	Ann Hess
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Glenn Buss Janet Buss	Tom Wilson Mandy Wilson	Everett Warner Karl Pedersen	Diane Catley Linda Libey
<b>Lector</b>	Anna Schmitt	Ed Vigen	Carolyn Howard	Mark Barrow
<b>PW Greeter</b>	Mark Barrow	Teresa Cassell	Betty Segar	Irmtraut Hartenstein
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick Howard	Rick Howard	Rick Howard	Rick Howard
	Danny Knott	Danny Knott	Danny Knott	Danny Knott
	Jim Westwood	Jim Westwood	Jim Westwood	Jim Westwood
	Marcia Barrow	Marcia Barrow	Marcia Barrow	Marcia Barrow
<b>Tellers</b>	Kevin Carlson	Kevin Carlson	Kevin Carlson	Kevin Carlson
	John Anstrom	John Anstrom	John Anstrom	John Anstrom
	Mara Knott	Mara Knott	Mara Knott	Mara Knott